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SUBJECT: NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS' SPEECH IN PARIS

1. SUMMARY. IN A SPEECH TO THE FRENCH ACADEMY OF MORAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE ON NOVEMBER 12, LUNS SAID THAT TIES BETWEEN US AND WESTERN EUROPE ARE BASED ON COMMON INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL HERITAGE AS WELL AS SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS IN FACE OF CONTINUED THREAT POSED BY THE SOVIET UNION. HE UNDERScoreD NECESSITY OF US TROOPS IN EUROPE AND NEED FOR EUROPEAN ALLIES TO MAKE A GREATER DEFENSE EFFORT. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FOLLOWING HIS SPEECH, LUNS SAID US DID NOT HAVE BAD RECORD OF CONSULTATION WITH NATO ALLIES ON ARAB-ISRAELI WAR AND THAT AMERICANS COULD HARDLY FIND ENCOURAGING FACT THAT AT BEGINNING OF CONFLICT, EUROPEAN ALLIES, INDIVIDUALLY AND IN CONCERT, CLEARLY SIGNALLLED THEIR DESIRE TO THE US NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED. END SUMMARY

2. LUNS GAVE HIS SPEECH AS A NEWLY-ELECTED "FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT" OF THE PRESTIGIOUS FRENCH ACADEMY OF MORAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. HIS SUBJECT WAS "EUROPE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EAST." AFTER TRACING THE ORIGINS OF NATO FROM END OF WAR TO THE PRESENT PERIOD OF DETENTE, LUNS STATED: "THE ESSENTIAL ROLE THE US PLAYED IN GETTING EUROPE BACK ON ITS FEET WAS TO PROJECT SENTIMENT THAT WE SHARED COMMON HERITAGE AND TRADITIONS." IN CONTRAST, HE ADDED, "EUROPEAN RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION HAVE BEEN MARKED SINCE 1945 BY BASIC ANTAGONISM BETWEEN TWO PERFECTLY INCOMPATIBLE SYSTEMS ON VALUES." UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, HE CONTINUED, "RECONCILIATION BETWEEN FORMER ENEMIES HAS BEEN JOINED BY ECONOMIC PROSPERITY WITHOUT PRECEDENT AND HAS OPENED WAY TO INCREASING AFFIRMATION OF EUROPEAN PERSONALITY."

3. LUNS SAID THE MILITARY APPARATUS OF THE USSR CONTINUES TO PRESENT A POTENTIAL MENACE TO EUROPE, EVEN IF MOSCOW'S INTENTIONS TODAY APPEAR TO BE MORE CONCILIATORY. "IN CONSEQUENCE," THE SECRETARY GENERAL ADDED, "THE COUNTRIES OF THE WEST SHOULD NOT BE CONTENT WITH VAGUE USSR DECLARATIONS OF GOOD WILL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY -- CSCE AND MBFR -- TO SEEK TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES WHICH DIVIDE EAST AND WEST."

4. LUNS POINTED OUT THAT IF EUROPE WERE TO HAVE A COMMON VOICE IN WORLD POLITICAL AFFAIRS, A GREATER EUROPEAN DEFENSE EFFORT IS ESSENTIAL. BUT HE SAID HE DOUBTED THAT EUROPE WAS PREPARED TO MAKE THE EFFORT ALONE, PARTICULARLY IN A PERIOD OF PEACEFUL

COEXISTENCE. THUS, HE SAID, "THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE MUST NOT AFFECT THE SOLIDITY OF THE TIES BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE BUT SHOULD REINFORCE THE ENTIRE WESTERN CAMP. A DEFENSE EFFORT REMAINS INDISPENSABLE AS LONG AS LONG-TERM SOVIET INTENTIONS ARE NOT PRECISELY KNOWN. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SUCCESS OF DETENTE IS TIED TO MAINTAINING AN EQUILIBRIUM OF FORCES. NO VIABLE DEFENSE CAN EXIST WITHOUT THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE AMERICANS, WHO ALONE CAN BALANCE THE IMMENSE SOVIET RESOURCES." LUNS CONCLUDED BY PLEADING FOR A GREATER DEFENSE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

5. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOLLOWING THE SPEECH, LUNS CONTENDED THAT THE SOVIET UNION STILL POSES A DIRECT MILITARY THREAT TO EUROPE, THAT CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, PARTICULARLY IN BRUSSELS, ARE EXCELLENT, AND THAT THE US TRIED TO KEEP ITS ALLIES INFORMED ON THE FAST MOVING MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. FINALLY, HE EMPHASIZED THAT EVEN A SMALL INCREASE IN THE EUROPEAN ALLIES' DEFENSE EFFORTS WOULD BE ENCOURAGING TO THE US AS PROOF OF EUROPEAN DETERMINATION TO SHOULDER ITS OWN SHARE OF THE COMMON DEFENSE BURDEN.

6. COPIES OF LUNS' SPEECH POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/WE, EUR/RPM AND TO NATO BRUSSELS. TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WILL ALSO BE POUCHED WHEN AVAILABLE.

7. FOR: USMISSION NATO -- AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD:

I WAS UNABLE TO STAY FOR THE FULL QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOLLOWING LUNS' SPEECH AND THEREFORE DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS MOVING DEFENSE OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF IF AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD WOULD PASS ON MY APPRECIATION TO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS WHEN AN OCCASION PRESENTS ITSELF.

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